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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to expire on March 30, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Authorization to charge Counsel's deposit account is given in a separate fee transmittal, for a one month extension of time fee of \$120.00. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/006716.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.